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REIMBURSEMENT OF U.S. INCOME TAX
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1. U.S. MISSION CONCERN, EXPRESSED IN REFTEL, OVER CONSEQUENCES OF RECENT CHANGES IN U.S. TAX LAW IS SHARED BY DEPARTMENT.

2. AS THE MISSION IS AWARE, THERE IS LONG STANDING OPPOSITION TO EXEMPTING AMERICANS EMPLOYED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FROM U.S. TAXATION. WE ARE MAKING SOUNDINGS ON THE SUBJECT BUT ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THE TEMPER OF THE CONGRESS ON THIS ISSUE IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO CHANGE AT THIS TIME.

3. THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION OF APPARENT PROBLEM RAISED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REFTEL WILL BE HELPFUL TO MISSION. VOLUNTARY FUNDS BY DEFINITION, OF COURSE, DO NOT CONSTITUTE

ASSESSMENTS AND TAX REIMBURSEMENT OF U.S. TAXES IS THEREFORE NOT REPEAT NOT A CHARGE AGAINST THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHER STATES. U.S. BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES REQUIRE THAT ONE APPROPRIATION SHOULD NOT BE CHARGED FOR A PROGRAM FINANCED FROM A DIFFERENT APPROPRIATION. NORMAL BUDGET ASSESSMENTS AND TAX REIMBURSEMENT CHARGES ARE FUNDED BY STATE APPROPRIATION CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (CIO) WHILE VOLUNTARY FUNDS COME FROM OTHER SOURCES, USUALLY FROM AID APPROPRIATIONS. THEREFORE, TAX REIMBURSEMENTS TO EMPLOYEES PAID FROM VOLUNTARY FUNDS SHOULD NOT BE CHARGED TO CIO FUNDS. THE DEPARTMENT'S LONG STANDING POSITION REMAINS THAT WE EXPECT SUCH REIMBURSEMENTS TO BE MADE OFF THE TOP OF THE U.S. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT FROM WHICH THE AFFECTED EMPLOYEE RECEIVES HIS SALARY.

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